

December 9, 1986

TO: File 

FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Attempted Field Inspection of the Red Chip Mine,  
ACT/015/006, Emery County, Utah

The Red Chip Mine is an uranium mine that was proposed in 1978. The operator, John Adams (originally Michael Skopos of Mineral Investments, Inc.), planned to strip a two acre area above several small, prelaw adits on the side of an erosional outcrop. The plans were reviewed, but never received tentative approval. It is not clear as to whether the operator did any mining on site.

On November 19, 1986 Frank Filas attempted to reach the Red Chip Mine, but the mine access road had been washed out. The access road can be reached by taking the south road at the four-way Molen intersection and traveling southeasterly on this well maintained dirt road for nine miles through the Horn Silver Gulch Area. At this point there is a road that crosses to the south of the wash. The road is impassable except by an all terrain vehicle. An attempt was made to reach the site by a road one mile further back (to the west), but this also proved impassable.

Recommendation: If the operator did any mining, it probably could have been done within the limits of a DOE. It is recommended that the file be inactivated.

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